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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILIBILITY UNIVERSITY OF IOWA VISUAL ARTS BUILDING, HANCHER AUDITORIUM, AND VOXMAN/CLAPP RELOCATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS IOWA CITY, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA FEMA-1763-DR-IA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the construction of the relocated Hancher Auditorium, Voxman/Clapp building, and Visual Arts Building in Johnson County, Iowa under the authority of Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288). FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Johnson County, Iowa, as a result of the devastating flood that impacted the University of Iowa and the City of Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, beginning on June 9th, 2008.

The University of Iowa proposes to relocate Hancher, Voxman/Clapp, and the Visual Arts Building using eligible FEMA funds to locations outside of the floodplain. The proposed action for Hancher is to relocate the structure north of the current location to vacant land owned by the University adjacent to Park Road and the Levitt Center for University Advancement. The proposed action for the Visual Arts Building is to relocate the structure northwest of the damaged location to a site on River Street currently occupied by the 109 River Street Building. The proposed action for Voxman/Clapp is to relocate the structure to the corner of Burlington Street and Clinton Street currently occupied by two banks. The proposed actions will remove the structures from the floodplain and reduce the potential for future damages from flooding while restoring the University of Iowa's capacity to offer high quality programs to students and the general public.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, Draft Environmental Assessments (DEA) were written to evaluate the potential impacts on the human and natural environment from the proposed actions. These three DEAs summarize the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed actions. The public comment period will be from November 11 to December 11, 2011. Written comments on the DEAs can be faxed to FEMA's lowa Closeout Center at (515) 223-7216 or emailed to Fema-ICC-EHP@dhs.gov.

The DEAs can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region7.shtm. If no substantive comments are received, the three Draft EAs will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.